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Title: **DEVICE, METHOD AND RECORD MEDIUM
FOR VIDEO DECODING CAPABLE OF
CONDUCTING ERROR DETECTION PROCESS
AND CONCEALMENT PROCESS
EFFECTIVELY**

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Submitted herewith on Form PTO-1449 is a listing of a document known to Applicant in order to comply with Applicant's duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56. A copy of each listed document is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

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CONCISE EXPLANATION OF
RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

Document A1 is a U.S. counterpart of Document A2, which corresponds to WO95/03674, the relevance of which is cited in the specification, together with Documents A3 and A4. English translations of the Japanese documents are not readily available; however, English language abstracts are provided herewith for Documents A2 and A4. The absence of such translations does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider the submitted documents (37 CFR §1.98 and MPEP § 609).

The listed documents are being submitted in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), within three months of the filing date.

Applicant respectfully requests that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and formally be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with MPEP § 609.

Respectfully submitted,

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